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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

1. ☒ Specification Total Pages 19
2. ☒ Drawing(s) (35USC 113) Total Pages 7
3. ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney Total Pages 2
- a. ☐ Unexecuted(original or copy)
- b. ☐ Copy from prior application (37CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 14 completed)
- [Note Box 4 Below]
- i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
4. Incorporation By Reference (usable if Box 3b is checked)
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 3b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

5. ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & documentation 2 pages)
Consolidated Container Corporation, LLC
6. ☐ Letter under 37 CFR 1.41(c).
7. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
8. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 *X Copies of IDS Citations
9. ☒ Preliminary Amendment A (1 page)
10. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)
11. ☐ Small Entity ☐ Statement filed in prior Application, Status still proper and desired

*Copies of Patent Nos.: 3,696,796; 4,062,595; 4,074,778; 4,137,009; 5,152,592; 5,645,190; 5,866,419; and 6,089,417.

14. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:

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TOTAL CLAIMS	20	19	0	18.00	0.00
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PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor(s): **Bill Gray and Horst Thumm**

Title: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR EMBOSSEING EXPANDED GRAPHITE SHEET
MATERIAL UNDER REDUCED PRESSURE**

1. **Type of Application**

This new application is for a:

This application is a:

☒ utility patent.

☐ continuation

☐ design patent.

☐ divisional

☒ continuation-in-part (CIP)

2. **Application Papers Enclosed**

— Title Page

34 Pages of Written Description (excluding Claims, Abstract & Drawings)

11 Page(s) of Claims (1-37)

1 Page(s) of Abstract

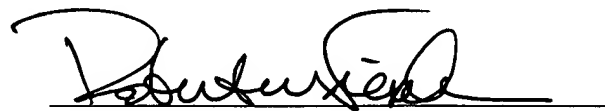
10 Sheet(s) of Drawings (Figs. 1, 2a, 2b, 3, 4a, 4b, 5, 6a, 6b, 7a, 7b, 7c, 7d,
8 and 9)

☒ Formal

☐ Informal

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10

I hereby certify that this Patent Application Transmittal and the documents referred to as enclosed therewith are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on **December 22, 2000**, in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 utilizing the "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service of the United States Postal Service under Mailing Label No. EL567275650US.


Robert W. Fieseler

3. Declaration or Oath

☐ Enclosed

Executed by (check all applicable boxes)

☐ Inventor(s) (copy from prior application)

☐ Legal representative of inventor(s)

(37 CFR 1.42 or 1.43)

☐ Joint inventor or person showing a proprietary interest on behalf of inventor who refused to sign or cannot be reached

☐ The petition required by 37 CFR 1.47 and the statement required by 37 CFR 1.47 are enclosed. See Item 5D below for fee.

☒ Not enclosed - the undersigned attorney or agent is authorized to file this application on behalf of the applicant(s). An executed declaration will follow.

4. Additional Papers Enclosed

☐ Preliminary Amendment

☐ Information Disclosure Statement, including copies of cited references

☐ Declaration of Biological Deposit

☐ Computer readable copy of sequence listing containing nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence

☐ Verified statement(s) claiming small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27

☐ Associate Power of Attorney

☐ Verified translation of a non-English patent application

☐ An assignment of the invention (copy of recorded assignment(s) from prior application)

☐ Certified copy(ies) of application(s):

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from which priority under 35 USC 119 is claimed

☐ is(are) attached.

☐ will follow.

☐ Other

5. Filing Fee Calculation (37 CFR 1.16)

A. ☒ Utility Application

CLAIMS AS FILED - INCLUDING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT (IF ANY)						
			SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA	RATE	FEE	RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE				\$ 355.00		\$ 710.00
TOTAL	64 - 20	= 44	X 9 =	\$	X 18 =	\$ 792.00
INDEP.	6 - 3	= 3	X 40 =	\$	X 80 =	\$ 240.00
<input type="checkbox"/> First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim			+ 135 =	\$	+ 270 =	\$ 0.00
Filing Fee:				\$	OR	\$1742.00

B. ☐ Design Application (\$160.00/\$320.00) Filing Fee: \$ _____

C. ☐ Plant Application (\$245.00/\$490.00) Filing Fee: \$ _____

D. Other Fees

☐ Recording Assignment [Fee -- \$40.00 per assignment] \$ _____

☐ Petition fee for filing by other than all the inventors
or person on behalf of the inventor where inventor refused
to sign or cannot be reached [Fee -- \$130.00] \$ _____

☐ Other \$ _____

Total Fees Enclosed \$ 0.00

6. Method of Payment of Fees

☐ Enclosed check in the amount of: \$ 0.00

☒ Charge Deposit Account No. 13-0017 in the amount of: \$ 1742.00
A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed.

☐ Not enclosed

7. **Deposit Account and Refund Authorization**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the amount enclosed or any additional fees which may be required during the pendency of this application under 37 CFR 1.16 or 37 CFR 1.17 or under other applicable rules (except payment of issue fees), to Deposit Account No. 13-0017. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed.

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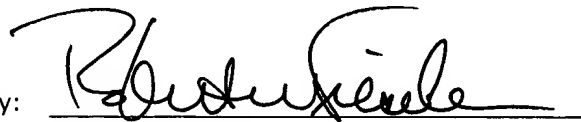
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